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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REACTION TO UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S "MEET THE
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1. SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS ACCORDED INTERVIEW PROMINENT
FACTUAL TREATMENT IN FEB 24 EDITIONS. MAROC SOIR CARRIED
FRONT-PAGE REPRINT OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE ARTICLE. EMPHASIS
OF PIECE WAS REFLECTED IN HEADLINE, "NO PRESENT US PLANS TO
GUARANTEE SECURITY OF ISRAEL." SUBHEADLINE STRESSED UNDER
SECY'S MENTION OF NEED FOR SOVIET COOPERATION IN MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT.

2. OF OPPOSITION PRESS, L'OPINION (ISTIQLAL) REPRODUCED
ABBREVIATED VERSION OF AFP REPORT, WITH SAME EMPHASIS.
FEB 25 MAGHREB INFORMATIONS (UNFP) CITED MAIN POINTS OF
INTERVIEW IN COURSE OF THINK PIECE CONTENDING THAT ARAB MOVES
TOWARD CONCERTED APPROACH ON PEACE EFFORTS WERE CAUSING
US REASSESSMENT OF VALUE OF STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY. PAPER
INTERPRETED SISCO STATEMENT ON NEED FOR SOVIET COOPERATION
AS SIGN US WOULD LIKE RESUMPTION GENEVA TALKS. IT
ALSO SAW LIMITING OF US GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL TO CONTEXT OF
OVERALL SETTLEMENT AS A "FUNCTION" OF FIRM PLO AND SYRIAN
POSITIONS, WHICH WERE RALLYING GROWING ARAB SUPPORT.
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